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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN LABOR BOYCOTT OF U.S. SHIPPING

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1. PACIFIC FAR EAST LINES REPORTS THAT THE SHIP "PHILIPPINE BEAR" WILL LEAVE SYDNEY 11 JULY, 1973 FOR MELBOURNE EVEN THOUGH THERE IS THE ANNOUNCED BAN AGAINST U.S. FLAG CARRIERS THERE. PFEL STATES THEY FEEL THERE IS NO BAN IN EFFECT UNLESS IT IS TESTED BY A U.S. FLAG VESSEL AND IN ADDITION THEY REPORT THAT THE UNIONS IN MELBOURNE ARE CONTINUING TO LOAD BARGES AND CONTAINERS SCHEDULED FOR THE "PHILIPPINES BEAR".

2. BOTH FARRELL LINES ARE PFEL HAVE INFORMED POST THEIR U.S. SOURCES CONFIRM INFORMATION THAT INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN ASSOCIATION PLANS TO INITIATE BOYCOTT OF AUSTRALIAN FLAG VESSELS AT U.S. AND GULF COAST PORTS IF "PHILLIPPINES BEAR" IS SUBJECT TO BOYCOTT ACTION AT MELBOURNE (REFAIR A.)

3. ON THE SEPARATE SUBJECT OF THE INTER-UNION CONTAINER DISPUTE IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIAN CONFEDERATED WORKERS' UNCLASSIFIED

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UNION ARBITRATORS ORDERED 9 JULY, 1973 BOTH UNIONS

BACK TO WORK EFFECTIVE 10 JULY WITH THE WWU AND THE TWU ALTERNATING MONTHLY ON THE TRANSPORTATION OF CONTAINERS OVER THE FOUR HUNDRED YARDS PUBLIC ROADWAY FROM THE GLEBE ISLAND TERMINAL TO THE CONSOLIDATED DOCK AREA. BOTH UNIONS REPORTED FOR WORK TODAY, BUT MEMBERS OF THE WWU STOPPED WORK SHORTLY AFTER FOR A MEETING. LOCAL COMPANIES EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FULL COMPLEMENT OF DOCK WORKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON 11 JULY 1973 TO START CLEANING UP THE 200,000 TONS OF CARGO PRESENTLY AT SYDNEYS TERMINALS AND DOCKS.

4. FARRELL LINES SHIP "AUSTRAL ENDURANCE" ARRIVED AT BRISBANE 9 JULY BUT BECAUSE OF RECENT STORMS IN BRISBANE AREA WHICH HAS CREATED A BACKLOG OF SHIPS WAITING TO BE UNLOADED, MUST WAIT UNTIL 12 JULY TO START UNLOADING AT THE BRISBANE CONTAINER TERMINAL. FARRELL HAS NOT MADE THE DECISION TO RETURN THE "AUSTRAL ENDURANCE" TO SYDNEY FOR CARGO UNTIL THE WWU-TWU DISPUTE IS MORE SETTLED. HANNAH

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